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## BUS FARE INCREASES ANNOUNCED

*Increase goes into effect January 4, 2004*

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CDOT) announced today that bus fares for local services in the eight **CTTRANSIT** urban bus systems will be increasing from \$1.00 to \$1.10 per trip as of January 4, 2004. This fare increase will also affect local bus multi-ride tickets and passes, Hartford area **CTTRANSIT** and private commuter express buses, UniTickets (combined bus/rail tickets for Southern CT) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit services.

Initially, a 25% fare increase was sought by CDOT in order to offset increased operating costs, especially for fuel and insurance. After receiving public comment through a series of eleven public hearings, several changes were made to the draft fare increase proposal. The most significant change was to shift to a two-stage increase – approximately a 10% increase in January, 2004 and another approximately 15% increase in January, 2005.

Some other changes will be implemented with the new fares. These include the introduction of 3-Day and 5-Day local bus passes in the eight **CTTRANSIT** service areas, a multi-trip discount for 10-trip Senior & Disabled and youth passes, and a new 10-ride ticket book available for ADA paratransit services.

“Budgetary realities made this fare increase necessary so that we can continue to provide the level and quality of service our customers have become accustomed to,” said CDOT Commissioner James F. Byrnes, Jr. “This is a fairly implemented fare increase that minimizes the effect on our customers.”

*A list of new bus fares follows. Items in bold denote new fare options.*

*CTTRANSIT is the state-owned bus transit system serving the greater Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, Waterbury, New Britain, Meriden, Bristol and Wallingford areas.*

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## NEW BUS FARES

### Local

<u>Fare Media Type</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>1/4/04</u>	<u>1/1/05</u>
One Way Cash	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$1.25
All-Day Local	2.50	3.00	3.25
10-Trip Local	9.00	10.00	11.25
31-Day or Monthly Local	38.00	40.00	45.00
<b>3 Day Local</b>	NA	<b>6.50</b>	<b>7.50</b>
<b>5 Day Local</b>	NA	<b>10.00</b>	<b>11.25</b>
7-Day Local Pass	12.00	13.25	15.00
Tokens, Package of Ten	10.00	11.00	12.50
One Way Senior & Disabled Cash	0.50	0.55	0.60
Senior & Disabled 10-Trip	5.00	5.00	5.40
One Way Youth Cash	0.75	0.90	1.00
Youth 10-Trip	7.50	8.00	9.00
One Way ADA Paratransit Cash	2.00	2.20	2.50
<b>ADA Paratransit 10-Trip</b>	NA	<b>20.00</b>	<b>22.50</b>
<b>Ticket Book</b>			

### UniTicket (combined bus/rail ticket)\*

\*UniTicket and Shore Line East Monthly Plus tickets will be subject to an approximately 10% fare increase during the first quarter of 2004. Fare increase effective dates and exact fare amounts will be announced in a subsequent announcement.

### Express Commuter

<u>Fare Media Type</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>1/4/04</u>	<u>1/1/05</u>
<b>One Way Cash</b>			
Zone 2	\$1.80	\$2.00	\$2.25
Zone 3	2.35	2.60	2.95
Zone 4	2.90	3.20	3.60
Zone 5	3.45	3.80	4.30
<b>One Way Senior &amp; Disabled Cash</b>			
Zone 2	\$0.90	\$1.00	\$1.10
Zone 3	1.15	1.30	1.45
Zone 4	1.45	1.60	1.80
Zone 5	1.70	1.90	2.15
<b>31 Day or Monthly Pass</b>			
Zone 2	\$65.00	\$68.00	\$77.00
Zone 3	85.00	88.00	100.00
Zone 4	104.00	109.00	122.00
Zone 5	124.00	129.00	146.00
<b>10 Trip Ticket</b>			
Zone 2	\$16.20	\$18.00	\$20.25
Zone 3	21.15	23.50	26.50
Zone 4	26.10	28.75	32.50
Zone 5	31.05	34.25	38.75

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